



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Mesa encourages tree planting to create great public spaces such as our community parks and neighborhoods, increase property values, buffer traffic noises, and enhance the economic vitality of our business areas; and

WHEREAS, we harvest nutritious foods from trees in the form of fruits and nuts from our local farms, community gardens, and our own backyards; and

WHEREAS, trees are environmental workers that remove CO₂ and other greenhouse gases from our communities while they provide oxygen, purify water and air, reduce soil erosion, supply food and shelter to wildlife, and provide shade and wind barriers that conserve energy; and

WHEREAS, urban designers and land planners have recognized that a city strategy that incorporates trees helps to create networks of walkable, cool corridors that contribute to connectivity, health, and well-being; and

WHEREAS, programs like Tree City USA and Arbor Day continue to be pivotal opportunities to plant and maintain trees for future generations, and we enthusiastically encourage all Mesa citizens to plant trees; and

WHEREAS, Mesa celebrates Arbor Day and supports efforts to protect our trees and urban forests.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN GILES, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of Mesa, Arizona, do hereby proclaim April 24, 2020, as:

ARBOR DAY

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Mesa, Arizona, to be affixed this 16th day of April 2020.


John Giles, Mayor

Attest:


Dee Ann Mickelsen, City Clerk

